

Comprehensive School Reform

The Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Program is a competitive grant opportunity that provides financial support for high poverty schools (50% or more) that need to improve student achievement. The program supports implementation of comprehensive reform programs that are based on reliable research and effective practice. These grant awards are intended to stimulate school-wide change, covering virtually all phases of school operation. To be considered comprehensive, a program must integrate eleven school criteria specified in the legislation under Title I, Part F, reauthorized ESEA (2002), and four school district criteria established by the State Board of Education. Through supporting comprehensive reform, the program attempts to improve student achievement by enabling Michigan schoolchildren to meet challenging state content and performance standards.

During the 2003-04 school year, 115 schools in Michigan hold CSR grants that average about \$100,000 and are renewable for up to two more years.

No competition for new grant awards will occur this year. All 115 schools currently holding grants may apply for continuation awards for the 2004-05 school year. The announcement opening the application process will be made in early January 2004.